

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a liquid crystal display panel;

a backlight unit having a light guide plate, a fluorescent lamp, a reflection plate along a rear side of the light guide plate, a reflection sheet substantially enclosing an outer side of the fluorescent lamp except for a light exit portion to reflect light emitted from the fluorescent lamp, and a bottom cover having an end portion with a shape that substantially follows a contour of the reflection sheet to substantially surround and encase the reflection sheet and to support and affix the reflection sheet,

wherein the reflection sheet includes opposed first end portion and second end portion and

wherein the second end portion of the reflection sheet overlaps the reflection plate and the light guide plate;

~~at least one optical sheet~~ optical sheets positioned along an upper surface of the light guide plate and overlapping ~~[[an]]~~ the first end portion of the reflection sheet by an overlap amount (B),

wherein the end portion of the bottom cover is positioned to leave a predetermined interval (A) from end portions of the light guide plate and the optical sheets, ~~and the optical sheet to simplify assembly of the light guide plate and the first end~~ portion of the reflection sheet overlaps ~~a portion of~~ the light guide plate by the overlap amount (B) and

wherein the end portion of the bottom cover substantially contacts all the outer side of the reflection sheet except for a portion of the predetermined interval (A) and an overlapping portion with the overlap amount (B); and

a chassis supporting and affixing the liquid crystal display panel and the backlight unit.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein the backlight unit further comprises:

a panel-type light guide plate having a light projection plane and a light incident plane;

~~a reflection plate along a rear side of the light guide plate;~~

a lamp assembly at the light incident plane of the light guide plate, the lamp assembly including the fluorescent lamp and the reflection sheet at an outer side of fluorescent lamp; and

a rectangular mold frame receiving the reflection plate, the light guide plate, the optical sheet, and the lamp assembly therein,

wherein the bottom cover extends from a bottom of the mold frame to an outer side of the reflection sheet.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined interval (A) is within a range of about 0.1mm to about 50mm.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the overlap amount (B) is within a range of about 0.2 mm to about 30 mm.

Claim 6 (Original): The device according to claim 1, wherein the reflection sheet is formed of one of a synthetic resin selected from the group consisting of alkylbenzene sulfonate (ABS), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), and polyvinyl chloride (PVC), and a non-metallic substance.

Claim 7 (Original): The device according to claim 6, wherein the synthetic resin includes one of a polymer having a high reflexivity and Ti.

Claims 8-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A backlight unit, comprising:

a panel-type light guide plate having a light projection plane and a light incident plane;

a reflection plate along a rear side of the light guide plate;

a lamp assembly at the light incident plane of the light guide plate, the lamp assembly including the fluorescent lamp and a reflection sheet at an outer side of fluorescent lamp,

wherein the reflection sheet includes opposed first end portion and second end portion and

wherein the second end portion of the reflection sheet overlaps the reflection plate and the light guide plate;

~~at least one optical sheet~~ optical sheets over the light projection plane of the light guide plate and overlapping ~~[[an]]~~ the first end portion of the reflection sheet by an overlap amount (B); and

a bottom cover extending from a rear side of the reflection plate to an outer side of the reflection sheet such that an end portion of the bottom cover extends to the outer side of the reflection sheet substantially following a contour of the reflection sheet to substantially surround and encase the reflection sheet and to support and affix the reflection sheet,

wherein the end portion of the bottom cover is positioned to leave a predetermined interval (A) from end portions of the light guide plate and the optical sheets, and the first end portion of the reflection sheet overlaps ~~a portion of~~ the light guide plate by the overlap amount (B) and

wherein the end portion of the bottom cover substantially contacts all the outer side of the reflection sheet except for a portion of the predetermined interval (A) and an overlapping portion with the overlap amount (B).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The backlight unit according to claim 11, wherein the reflection sheet is formed of one of a synthetic resin selected from the group consisting of alkylbenzene sulfonate (ABS), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), and polyvinyl chloride (PVC), and a non-metallic substance.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The backlight unit according to claim 12, wherein the synthetic resin includes one of a polymer having a high reflexivity and Ti.

Claims 14-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The backlight unit according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined interval (A) is within a range of about 0.1mm to about 50mm and the overlap amount (B) is within a range of about 0.2 mm to about 30 mm.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A backlight unit for a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a light guide plate;

a reflection plate along a rear side of the light guide plate;

a fluorescent lamp along an outer periphery of the light guide plate;

a reflection sheet substantially enclosing the fluorescent lamp along the outer periphery of the light guide plate to reflect light from the fluorescent lamp to the light guide plate,

wherein the reflection sheet includes opposed first end portion and second end portion and

wherein the second end portion of the reflection sheet overlaps the reflection plate and the light guide plate;

~~at least one optical sheet~~ optical sheets positioned along an upper surface of the light guide plate and overlapping ~~[[an]]~~ the first end portion of the reflection sheet by an overlap amount (B); and

a bottom cover along a rear side of the reflection plate having an end portion with a shape that substantially follows a contour of the reflection sheet to substantially surround and encase the reflection sheet and to support and affix the reflection sheet,

wherein the end portion of the bottom cover is positioned to leave a predetermined interval (A) from end portions of the light guide plate and the optical sheets, and the first end portion of the reflection sheet overlaps ~~a portion of~~ the light guide plate by the overlap amount (B) and

wherein the end portion of the bottom cover substantially contacts all the outer side of the reflection sheet except for a portion of the predetermined interval (A) and an overlapping portion with the overlap amount (B).

Claims 19-23 (Canceled).